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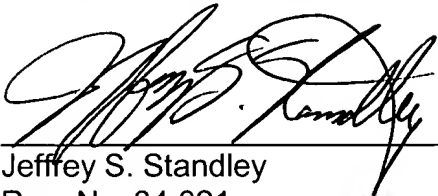
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U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

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	6,295,777	10/02/2001	Hunter, et al.	52/519
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